Transport Buses.

195. *MR. V. MADHAVAN : Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of leakage of water in Transport buses at the time of rains ?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Yes. Adequate measures commensurate with the availability of materials are being taken to prevent leakage.

Schedule of rates of charges in the State Transport Department.

196. *MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is any schedule of rates of charges published by the State Transport Department for the transport of parcels and goods; if so, what it is ;

(*b*) whether any rate of charges is also fixed for loading and unloading parcels and goods ; if so, what it is ; and

(*c*) whether the loading and unloading charges are realised by the department along with the charges for the transport of parcel and goods?

MR. E. G. SALTER : (*a*) Yes. A *copy of the schedule is laid on the table.

(*b*) Yes, 4 cash per 28 lbs. per one loading or unloading subject to a minimum of 8 cash.

(*c*) No. The charges are paid to the porters direct or through Parcel Agents.

MR. P. S. NATARAJA PILLAI : Sir, with reference to answer to part (c) will the Director be pleased to examine the receipts issued. There is a column in the receipts. Will the Director examine it in the face of this answer?

MR. E. G. SALTER : Sir, the parcel agents are authorised to employ porters for the purpose of loading and unloading for reasons which must be obvious. It is part of their authority that they should collect the charges to be paid to these porters.

Conductors in the State Transport Department.

197. *MR. D. THOMAS (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavancode*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) the total number of conductors in the State Transport Department and the number of Latin Catholics among them ;

(*b*) the minimum qualification that is being prescribed for the post of conductors ;

(*c*) the date on which recruitment to the post of conductors was done last and the number recruited ; and

(*d*) the number of applications received from Latin Catholics and the number selected from that community ?

*Vide Appendix 1.

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has contributed so much for the Vanchi Poor Fund. No other dramatic company has done so much for the public. I am sure that he should be honoured and that a presentation should be made to him. I hope that other people would also subscribe to this.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Has any Government patronage been given to him?

PRESIDENT: I have in my personal capacity subscribed towards the fund for presenting a cup to Nawab Rajamanikkam.

Income Tax Collection, Alleppey.

229 *MR. G. PARAMESWARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it has been brought to their notice that the Collector of Agricultural Income Tax, Alleppey has assessed the agriculturists on the assumption that they have sold paddy higher than at the controlled rates; and

(*b*) whether they have received any petition from agriculturists that insulting enquiries are being made of them by the said Collector?

MR. G. NARAYANAN TAMPI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) No.

Appendix I.

Vide **Answer to Question No. 196.**

Parcel Rate (in chuckrams).

Weight in lbs.	Up to																
	28	8	8	8	11	12	12	15	16	16	16	20	24	28	32	38	43
	56	8	8	11	12	15	16	19	20	22	24	28	32	36	40	46	51
	84	11	12	15	16	20	24	27	28	31	35	40	44	48	52	56	62
	112	12	16	19	20	24	28	32	36	40	43	48	56	60	64	70	75
	140	15	20	24	26	31	35	40	46	51	54	60	71	75	80	87	94
	168	19	24	28	31	36	43	48	55	60	64	72	84	91	96	104	112
	196	22	28	34	35	43	50	56	63	71	75	84	99	106	112	122	131
	224	24	32	38	40	48	56	64	72	80	86	96	112	120	128	139	150
Distance in miles		10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	125	150	175	200	225	250

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